

KING COUNTY FERRY DISTRICT
2015 Annual Work Plan

Overview

Following consolidation of the King County Ferry District into King County, for 2015 King County (County) provides waterborne transit service, also known as passenger only ferry service or water taxi service, on King County waterways. The County operates two waterborne transit routes:

Vashon Island – Downtown Seattle Water Taxi providing three morning and three afternoon trips during the commute periods; and

West Seattle – Downtown Seattle Water Taxi providing seasonal (commute and non-commute) service April through October and commute service November through March.

The detail associated with the schedule of service for these routes is described at the end of this Work Plan.

In association with these waterborne transit services, shuttle connections with landside vehicle parking areas are also provided.

The County is governed by an elected Executive and County Council with their roles specified in the King County Charter. Waterborne transit services are managed and delivered through the normal course of business by the King County Department of Transportation.

Work Plan Goals for 2015

Operations and Administration:

- Continue delivering existing water taxi services using leased vessel and owned vessel until new vessels are completed;
- Provide on-water and landside operations for the two routes;
- Manage personnel including hiring, training, record keeping, discipline, payroll, scheduling and dispatch;
- Oversee vessel operations such as moorage, provision of contracted back-up vessels, schedule performance, and maintenance;
- Manage shoreside operations including transit coordination, passenger contact and facility upkeep;
- Provide public interface including customer service, lost and found and communications of real time vessel operations;
- Using the result of 2014 landside operations evaluation, refine and implement changes to enhance waterborne transit ridership;
- Contract for an assessment of passenger only ferry expansion options, consistent with the District's strategic plan, that builds on new transit options that are projected to be delivered through Sound Transit's University Link and other funded regional transit expansions being delivered in the next decade. This assessment should include assessments of facility, service options and cost estimates for both capital and operations, and community interest and readiness. The final report shall be transmitted to the Board of Supervisors or its successor by September 30, 2015. An interim report

summarizing the work and results to date on all aspects of the assessment to the Board of Supervisors or its successor by July 31, 2015; and

- Implement a marketing and outreach program supporting a 3.3% growth ridership.

Capital Improvement Program

- Using predominantly federal grant funding, continue design-build contracted construction of new vessels including contracted project management; and
- Continue planning for the replacement of Pier 50 passenger only ferry facilities in concert with Washington State Department of Transportation's Colman Dock safety and preservation project.

Schedule of Service for West Seattle / Downtown Seattle Route

West Seattle Winter Schedule 2015		
January 2 - April 5 and October 26 - December 31		
Monday-Friday		
<i>Departure times</i>		
Downtown Seattle Waterfront Pier 50		West Seattle Seacrest Park
6:00		6:15
6:30		6:45
7:00		7:15
7:30		7:45
8:00		8:15
8:30		8:45
3:45		4:00
4:15		4:30
4:45		5:00
5:15		5:30
5:45		6:00
6:15		6:30
6:45		7:00
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West Seattle Spring/Summer Schedule 2015				
April 6 through October 25				
Monday-Friday		Saturday-Sunday		
<i>Departure times</i>				
Downtown Seattle Waterfront Pier 50	West Seattle Seacrest Park		Downtown Seattle Waterfront Pier 50	West Seattle Seacrest Park
6:00	6:15		8:30	9:00
6:30	6:45		9:30	10:00
7:00	7:15		10:30	11:00
7:30	7:45		11:30	12:00
8:00	8:15		12:30	1:00
8:30	8:45		1:30	2:00
9:00	9:15		2:30	3:00
10:30	11:00		3:30	4:00
11:30	12:00		4:30	5:00
12:30	1:00		5:30	6:00
1:30	2:00		6:30	7:00
2:30	3:00		7:30	8:00
3:30	4:00		8:30	9:00
4:15	4:30		9:30	10:00
4:45	5:00		10:30	11:00
5:15	5:30			
5:45	6:00			
6:15	6:30			
6:45	7:00			
7:30	8:00			
8:30	9:00			
9:30	10:00			
10:30	11:00			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Times in light type are a.m. • Times in bold type are p.m. • Crossing time: approximately 10 minutes; 15 minutes for midday and weekend sailings • Shaded trips operate Friday and Saturday evenings only • Shaded trips also operate weekday evenings and Sunday evenings for sporting events at CenturyLink Stadium and Safeco Field 				

Notes regarding West Seattle- downtown Seattle route:

1. Providing six morning and seven afternoon round-trip sailings Monday through Friday for the months of November through March, except observed holidays.
2. For April through October, route provides weekday commute and mid-day service, weekend all-day service, with Friday and Saturday extended service. Extended service also runs Sunday through Thursday on sporting event nights at CenturyLink and Safeco fields.

Schedule of Service for Vashon Island / Downtown Seattle Route

Vashon Island/Downtown Seattle 2015		
Monday-Friday		
<i>Departure times</i>		
Downtown Seattle Waterfront Pier 50		Vashon Island
5:30		6:10
6:38		7:10
7:40		8:15
4:30		4:58
5:30		5:58
6:30		6:58
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Times in light type are a.m. • Times in bold type are p.m. • Crossing time approximately 22 minutes <p>Does not operate on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving and Christmas Day</p>		

Notes regarding Vashon Island –downtown Seattle route:

1. Providing three morning and three afternoon round-trip sailings during the commute periods Monday through Friday, except observed holidays.